Episode #39: A Blooming Strength

Characters:

- Ash Ketchum
- May
- Max
- Dawn
- Ty Masterum
- Raye Rose
- Jonah
- Sakura
- Lillie
- Sarah
- Avery Meadows
- Victor
- Demi
- Reese Ricebrooks **(Debut)**

Pokemon:

- Pikachu **(Ash's)**
- Manaphy **(May's)**
- Teddiursa **(Ty's)**
- Croconaw **(Ty's)**
- Gyarados **(Ty's)**
- Eevee **(Raye's)**
- Psyduck **(Raye's)**
- Plusle **(Raye's)**
- Rockruff **(Jonah's)**
- Squirtle **(Jonah's)**
- Minun **(Jonah's)**
- Togepi **(Max's)**
- Chikorita **(Reese's; debut)**
- Sunflora **(Reese's; debut)**
- Floatzel **(Reese's; debut)**

Symposis:

Plot:

Making their way to their destination at Mahogany Town, Ash, Ty and his friends make a full stop for a break at the plain field, while Ty, Raye and Jonah make a plan to resume their training. Ash, May and Avery make lunch for everyone, Max questions Sarah if she's training her pokemons, she replies by doing that later. During training, Ty has Gyarados use Hydro Pump at both Plusle and Squirtle, but they dodge it after that until Ty switches Gyarados to Croconaw. Squirtle then uses Rapid Spin at Plusle, but able to avoid the attack and uses Quick Attack, Squirtle sidesteps the other side thanks to Jonah's call. Raye recalls Plusle back, sending Eevee out, telling her pokemon to use Swift directly at Croconaw, suddenly, Croconaw blasts it with Water Gun, Eevee safely dodges it, hitting the ground. Ty orders Teddiursa to do Fury Swipes, and both Eevee and Squirtle dodged his attack. The pokemons were exhausted from training, Ty acknowledged his friends on training, rejoining the gang for lunch. On lunch break, Lillie approves the trio over their training, which Jonah explains that training is very important to focus while Raye is looking forward to competing in the coordinator competition, but she'll wait sooner once she's ready, which Ty agrees with her while Jonah express confidence has grown, Dawn replies that training is a quick improvement of example, Togepi shares a berry to Pikachu and their buddies.

After lunch, despite from earlier training, Ty does some push ups along with Teddiursa for his upcoming gym battle at Mahogany Town, Avery asked Ty if this push ups bothers him, which he doesn't since he needs more energy for training, Max smugly made a statement for his skills as he sits on Ty's back, causing him to struggle on his workout, telling Max that he's heavy, which Max denies it until he tells him to answer for mercy, Ty refuses to back down as he stands up harder, causing Max to fall on the ground, fainted, telling that he's so strong, May tells her little

brother to not bother him honestly. Later, after a long training and break, the gang were ready to continue their adventure to Mahogany Town, only to be interrupted by Victor and Demi crossing paths. Sarah warns them by not trying to bother, Victor mocks her advice as he and Ty continue to rival each other while Demi, still not impressed at Raye by making arrogant remarks, while Victor mocks Max over Togepi, asking if he was a babysitter, Max was frowned, saying he's watching and protecting him, Victor still not interested over his pokemon partner, making Max more frowned. May accuses Victor of bullying Max, to which he shows no remorse. Just then, a female trainer appears to them, asking Victor and Demi to meet their new friends, Victor claims that they're losers instead, the girl introduced as Reese Ricebrooks to the gang, that she's also a pokemon trainer. She greets Ash and the others warmly, showing genuine interest in their journey. Despite being part of Victor’s group, he tells Reese that Ty and his are being losers instead of professional trainers, but she subtly disapproves of Victor’s rude behavior, even calling him out for his insults, Victor scoffs about it. Dawn was wondering if Reese doesn't end up like them of being not friendly, Reese tells her by not worrying about it, however, Demi warns her about Raye who has a problem with her, which Raye still has a dealing problem with her since they first met last time, and she tells Max for not asking the question about her, Max nervously chooses to be quiet for now.

Victor asked the gang about their activity right before they arrived, to which Raye answered that they were training their pokemons, improving their skills. Curious about Raye’s strength, Reese politely challenges her to a Pokémon battle. Raye accepts without hesitation, eager to prove herself and grow stronger, surprising the gang. In the field, Demi acted as the referee for the match while the gang and Victor watched them battle, Victor recommended to Ty that Reese's pokemon will be better, Ty completely rejected his advice as he supports Raye's battle, with Jonah agreeing with him. As the battle commenced, Raye sends out Eevee while Reese sends Chikorita, Sakura was surprised at Reese's pokemon she has while Ty checks Chikorita into his pokedex. Chikorita proceeds with Razor Leaf, Eevee dodges it safely, striking it with Quick Attack. Eevee attacks with Swift, but Chikorita dodged it and counterattack with Razor Leaf, Eevee continues to battle as Raye ordered her pokemon to use Swift again, but misses it once again as Chikorita moves out of the way, striking it with its same move, Sarah was noting about the moves, Sakura examines on Chikorita, avoiding the attack with speed tactics and Reese was more focused during the battle, giving an opportunity for Chikorita to strike anytime soon. Raye tells Eevee to keep battling despite getting damage, which it responds to after recovering. Reese tells Raye by not worrying about it her Eevee doesn't give up, Raye remarks that she's not backing down as she tells Eevee to use Swift, only to miss it again with Chikorita strikes it with Magical Leaf, causing Eevee to be knocked out in process, giving a fair point to Reese. Raye recalls Eevee back, as she prepares to send Plusle, Reese was amazed by Plusle when Raye makes a plan for her next move. As Demi raises her hand, the battle resumes. Suddenly, Reese recalls Chikorita back, switching to Sunflora. Avery is astonished to see Sunflora, examines her pokedex for information.

Reese has Sunflora to attack with Bullet Seed, just as Plusle avoids successfully and uses Thunder Wave, but Sunflora leans back by avoiding, striking it with Energy Ball, Plusle stumbles back but stays standing to battle. Lillie explains that Reese makes her strategic moves by using attack skills with momentum of adaptability and quick strikes. Sunflora proceeds to attack with the Energy Ball again, luckily, Plusle avoids it, and counters with Quick Attack. As Raye makes a lot of progress, she then tells Plusle to use Spark, but Sunflora moves sidesteps, dodging the attack, which the flower pokemon uses Mega Drain on Plusle, draining its energy, much to her shock. With Plusle weak, it was knocked out with Bullet Seed, hitting into the ground, fainted. Raye was worried about losing two rounds, but gave hope by sending Psyduck out. Victor scoffs at Psyduck for not being ready, Ash tells him that he's focusing. Determined for this battle, Sunflora prepares to drain Psyduck with the same attack; eventually, it doesn't hit on time after Psyduck dodges it, countering with Psychic. Pikachu, Teddiursa, Manaphy and Togepi were cheering on Psyduck, Reese has Sunflora use Bullet Seed, but Psyduck attacks it with Psywave, directly hitting Sunflora, knocking it out. After Reese recalls Sunflora back, she sends Floatzel out. Jonah admits that both water types will be a hard battle, May claims that their types depend on the outcome. Demi raises her hands to resume the battle, Psyduck proceeds to attack with Psywave, Reese calls Floatzel to dodge, which is successful and strikes back with Pursuit, causing a critical hit, Victor improves Reese on her pokemons as he tells the gang that Reese is more focused than Raye, with Ty disagrees with him. Floatzel uses Pursuit, but ends up missing it after Psyduck avoids it, and proceeds to counter with Psychic, Floatzel was hit on the ground but continued to battle after standing up. Reese tells Floatzel to attack with Sonic Boom, Psyduck proceeds to rush by dodging and uses Psywave, however, Floatzel dodged it, countering with Low Kick. Psyduck initially struggles right as Raye tells her pokemon to stand up, but fails to move, Floatzel ultimately finishes it with Aqua Jet, knocking Psyduck out, the battle ends with a victory for Reese.

As Victor and Demi are celebrating Reese's battle, Raye loses her first battle, saddened about it. She accepts the outcome with maturity, but feels disappointed, knowing she still has a long way to go, but Reese encourages her, praising her determination, her kindness leaves a strong impression on her. Victor mocks the result, but Reese firmly shuts down his remarks, making it clear he values respect over arrogance, Victor, Demi and Reese leave on

their journey together while she thanked Raye for having a battle with her with a friendly farewell. During the night afterwards, motivated by the loss, Raye vows to train harder and grow stronger alongside her Pokémon. Her bond with her pokemons deepens as they share the same determination to improve, Ash and their friends cheer up to her that they're all with her, Raye smiles at her friend's advice, promising to keep going forward.

Major events:

Trivia: